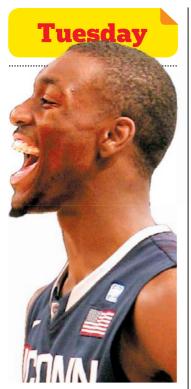
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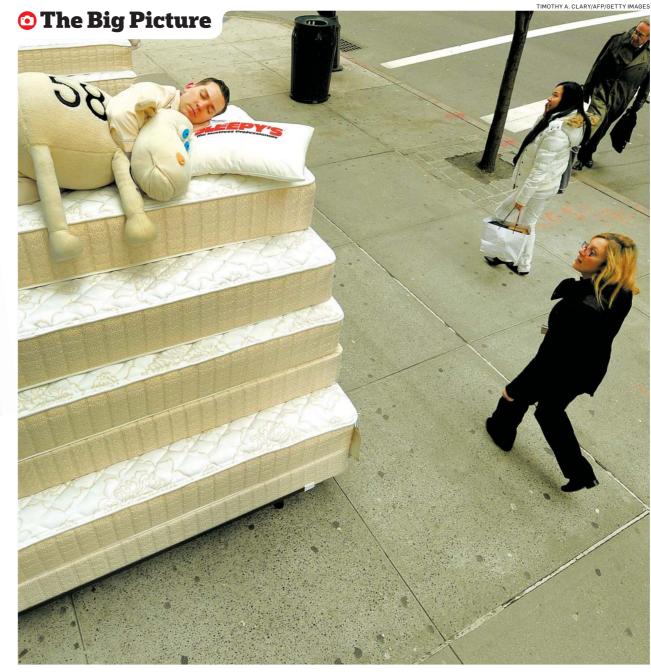
A Kingman, Ariz., man is getting his pitchfork back after being acquitted of trespassing. Mervin Fried tried to bring the tool into a Feb. 16, 2010, county supervisor's meeting. Told to leave it outside, Fried refused and was arrested. On March 5, a judge ruled Fried not guilty, arguing that if holstered handguns are allowed at the meeting, pitchforks should be, too. (AP)

Discovery Channel Mulls Shark Week Alternative

A dolphin weighing between 600 and 700 pounds jumped onto the deck of a boat, injuring a woman in South Florida. A charter boat captain called 911 Sunday after the dolphin jumped on the boat and landed on a passenger. The woman suffered a sprained ankle. The dolphin was safely returned to the water. (AP)

So THAT's Why the Police **Have Looked So Evil Lately**

Full beards are still banned, but police in Durango, Colo., are now allowed to have goatees, though the department won't say why the change was made. Several officers have been sporting the look since the new policy took effect Dec. 17. Some law enforcement agencies bar officers from having either beards or goatees. (AP)



A MODEL SNOOZES (or pretends to) atop a pile of mattresses in New York City on Monday for a store promotion coinciding with the start of daylight saving time. (GETTY)



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NEW YORK

Bus Driver in Fatal Crash Has Criminal History

Investigators looking into a Saturday's horrific casino bus crash that killed 15 people were examining surveillance video as they tried to retrace the actions of the driver, who once served time for manslaughter and grand larceny. The investigation continued to focus on Ophadell Williams, 40, whose story that his tour bus carrying 32 people was clipped by a tractor-trailer has been contradicted by passengers and witnesses who say they saw him driving erratically. (AP)

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA.

Shuttle Worker Falls To Death at Launchpad

A space shuttle worker fell to his death Monday at the launchpad, the first fatality there in decades, NASA officials said. Medics rushed to the pad but were unable to revive him. He was identified as James Vanover, an engineer for United Space Alliance, a NASA contractor. (AP)

Correction

A Washington Post graphic on Page 14 of Monday's Express misstated the amount of radiation detected Saturday at the Fukushima nuclear site. The radiation detected was 1.015 millisieverts per hour, not 1,015 millisieverts per hour.

Petraeus: Troop Surge Worked

Afghan optimism comes with caveats but marks vital turn

Washington

Gen. David Petraeus, in his first appearance in Washington since taking over as the top war commander in Afghanistan, is laying out a mostly upbeat assessment of military progress that should allow the United States to begin withdrawing forces this summer, despite predictions that the wounded Taliban insurgency will mount an especially bloody fight this spring.

No one is calling it the Taliban's last stand, but U.S. officials say this is the year that the insurgency will be tamed on the battlefield and at the bargaining table.

Petraeus met privately with President Obama on Monday, the start of a full week of testimony and other events. The general's optimism comes with some significant caveats, but it still marks a significant turn from worries a year ago about the strength and durability of the Taliban-led insurgency as



U.S. Marine Sgt. Savanna E. Malendoski walks Sunday during a convoy patrol of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

Meanwhile ...

Gen. David Petraeus will likely begin to sketch out how the gradual U.S. troop withdrawal can take place, with Afghan troops taking control in more stable locales as U.S. forces shift to still precarious regions. Petraeus is also expected to caution that the transition of control to Afghan security forces will be slow and difficult as the Kabul government struggles to find its footing. (AP)

Not Worth Fighting

Nearly two in three Americans

say the war in Afghanistan is no longer worth fighting, the highest proportion opposed to the conflict in at least four years, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News poll. Almost a decade into the conflict, a political opposition is growing as President Obama decides how quickly to pull U.S. forces from the country beginning this summer. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

the first of Obama's 30,000 additional troops worked to take and hold Taliban strongholds in southern Afghanistan.

"There is no question that the injection of 30,000 additional American troops has had an impact on the Taliban's ability to operate," said Karl F. Inderfurth, a former senior State Department diplomat for South Asia.

Members of Congress, meanwhile, will roll out a resolution calling for Obama to withdraw U.S. forces either in 30 days or no later than Dec. 31, 2011. (AP)



'Tsunami Magnet': Since the tidal gauge was installed in Crescent City's boat basin in 1934, the small port on California's rugged northern coast has been hit by 34 tsunamis. The latest on Friday took one life as waves ripped up docks, sinking 11 boats and damaging 47, and causing untold millions of dollars in damage. "Crescent City is what I call a tsunami magnet," said Lori Dengler, professor of geology at Humboldt State University. (AP)



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Nation

ERs for Elderly Gain Popularity

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Washington

Many hospitals run emergency rooms just for children. Now a few are opening ERs specially designed for seniors, without all the confusion and clamor, and with a little more comfort.

It's a fledgling trend, but expected to increase as the population rapidly grays. The question is whether they will truly improve care.

The number of ER visits each year by seniors. One in five Americans will be 65 or older by 2030. (AP)

"Older people are not just wrinkly adults. They have totally different needs," says Dr. David John, who chairs the geriatric medicine division of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Modern ERs are best equipped to handle crises such as gunshot wounds or car crashes, not the lengthy detective work it can take to unravel the multiple ailments that older people tend to show up with, John says.

The idea behind senior ERs: Put older patients in an area that's a bit calmer for team-based care to not just treat the problem that brought them to the hospital, but to uncover underlying problems from depression to dementia to a home full of tripping hazards that might bring them back.

There's no official count, but at least a dozen self-designated senior ERs have opened around the country since the first, in Silver Spring, Md., in 2008. (AP)

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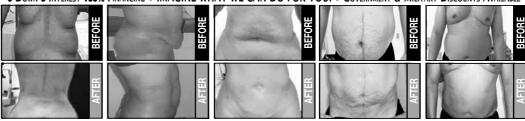
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Mud on the Move After Rain in Western Washington



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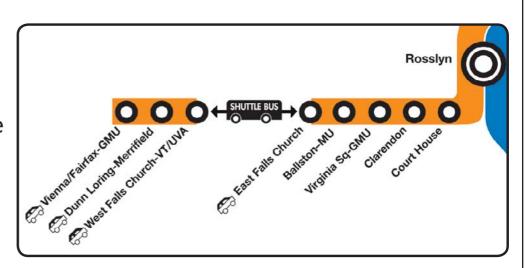
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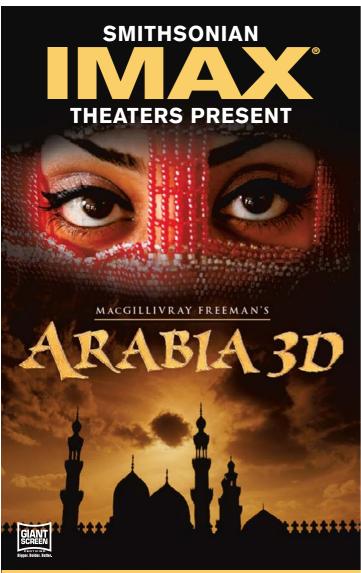
- This section will close Friday at 10 p.m. and reopen Monday at 5 a.m.
- Free shuttle bus service will be provided between West Falls Church-VT/UVA and East Falls Church stations. The stations will remain open.
- If you take the shuttle bus, please add 30 minutes to your travel time.
- Consider parking at East Falls Church station and riding Metro from there. Parking is free on weekends.
- The track between these two stations must be closed so that crews can continue construction work to connect the Orange Line to the future Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project. For more information about this important work, please visit MetroOpensDoors.com.



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Nation

Kaine Mulls Senate Run

DNC chairman tells class he's likely to seek Webb's Va. seat

Richmond, Va.

Democratic National Committee chairman Tim Kaine told a law school class he's likely to run for a Senate seat next year, a party spokesman said Monday.

DNC spokesman Brad Woodhouse made the announcement on Twitter in response to fragmented initial reports that blindsided Kaine and Democratic Party advisers.

Woodhouse tweeted that Kaine "did not tell law school class he was running, said likely."

But it's the most definitive statement yet from the former Virginia governor that he will try to grab retiring Sen. Jim Webb's seat for the Democrats in next year's elections.

Lending more credence to his classroom comments was a DNC statement saying that if Kaine runs, he would honor his DNC travel and fundraising commitments "at least through the end of the month."



In his most definitive remarks yet, Tim Kaine said Monday he may run for the Senate.

Word Spreads Quickly

Democratic National Committee chairman Tim Kaine was responding to a question Monday morning from a student in the class he teaches at the University of Richmond. Word spread quickly after a student phoned news-talk radio station WINA in Charlottesville. The station's report, pegged to a student identified only as Greg, raced across Facebook, Twitter and other social media. (AP)

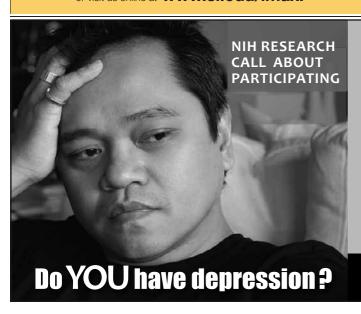
Woodhouse's Twitter posting, around 1:30 p.m., was followed a few minutes later by a DNC statement playing down comments attributed to Kaine.

"Governor Kaine told his law school class today what is already

widely known, which is that he is increasingly likely to run," the statement said. Also, the statement said no final decision would be made or announced until Kaine consults once more with President Obama. (AP)

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The cost per person to fly to and from the International Space Station on a Russian Soyuz spacecraft, NASA said Monday. The last contract charged \$56 million; officials say inflation is to blame for the new cost. (AP)



What does Depression look like?

NIH researchers seek depressed persons ages 18-55 to enroll in a research study evaluating the changes in brain chemistry that may cause depression. Participants will be given anti-depressant medication and receive two Positron Emission Tomography (PET) brain scans. This outpatient research study is conducted at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

Participation includes 10-15 visits over a 2-3 month period. To be eligible participants must be currently depressed, have no serious medical conditions, have never had any head trauma, and are not taking any psychiatric medications. After study completion participants receive short-term follow-up care while transitioning back to their own provider, or are referred to a mental health professional.

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World

In Brief

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

Attack on Recruit Center Kills 35 in Afghanistan

A suicide bomber posing as an army volunteer blew himself up outside a military recruiting center in northern Afghanistan on Monday, killing at least 35 people and escalating the insurgent campaign to scare young Afghans away from military service. At least 42 people were wounded. (AP)

CAIRO

Yemen Deports 2 British, 2 American Journalists

Armed Yemeni security forces raided an apartment shared by journalists Monday and deported them because of their coverage of a growing uprising against President Ali Abdullah Saleh, one of the reporters said. The journalists, two Americans and two Britons, contribute to publications including the Wall Street Journal, Time Magazine, the Los Angeles Times and the Washington Post. (AP)

LAMPEDUSA, ITALY

Leader Urges Turning Away African Migrants



Le Pen

Marine Le Pen, the daughter of France's longtime far-right leader who now heads his National Front party, on Monday advocated turning migrants back

to sea before they

can reach European shores after she toured a center for illegal migrants on Italy's island of Lampedusa. About 8,700 North Africans have fled unrest there since January. (AP)

MOGADISHU, SOMALIA

61 Pirates Captured After Indian Sailors Shoot Ship

Five dozen pirates living on a hijacked ship serving as a roving pirate base jumped into the Arabian Sea on Monday after the Indian navy fired on the vessel in self-defense, the navy said Monday. The navy captured 61 pirates fleeing the battle. A pirate in Somalia threatened Indian sailors with retaliation for the arrests. (AP)

Rebels Hold Fast to Libyan Cities

Opposition, Gadhafi troops each claim control of key areas

Tobruk, Libya

Moammar Gadhafi's warplanes, artillery and mortar shells can control huge swaths of territory by day, including oil ports, rebel supply routes and even hostile towns. Rebels say anti-government forces can still return in darkness to take advantage of Gadhafi's own thin supply lines and overstretched ground troops.

The eastern port city of Brega has gone back and forth with the setting of the sun and is key to the battle for Libya's oil centers. The regime offensive appears to be hampered by a lack of manpower: They can drive out rebels with barrages, but not necessarily hold the territory.

Rebels, on the other hand, didn't dare come out in the open on Monday in Brega, taking cover instead in the industrial oil area where they believed Gadhafi forces wouldn't fire.



Libyan anti-government protesters pray Monday after a protest in Tobruk, Libya.

"It is a war of annihilation. Mr. Gadhafi wants to stay in power even if he rules over graves."

— ALI BOUHILFAYA, AN ENGINEER IN AJDABIYA, ON THE RENEWED BOMBINGS BY PROGADHAFI FORCES ON MONDAY EVENING IN LIBYA ALONG THE MEDITERRANEAN COAST.

Brega and the city of Ajdabiya about 35 miles away again came under government bombardment on Monday, freshly exposing their importance as key crossroads for rebel supply lines, a main weakness in the Libyan region that contains most of its oil wealth. To get ammunition, reinforcements and arms to the front, they must

A Push for Action

France and Britain stepped up

calls Monday for other world powers to isolate Libya's Moammar Gadhafi with a no-fly zone, amid diplomatic differences over how much backing to give Libyan rebels. The accelerated push came as U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and other top diplomats from the Group of Eight prominent world economies met in Paris for a previously planned foreign ministers meeting. (AP)

drive along open desert highways, exposed to airstrikes. Gadhafi warplanes struck at least three targets Monday morning in Ajdabiya, missing a weapons storage site but hitting rebel fighters at a checkpoint in an attempt to stop supplies, rebels said.

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Oil installations — and the ports that allow Libyan crude exports — are just as key as supply lines.

Production has been cut drastically since fighting began and new questions arose Monday about whether the OPEC member was still exporting crude at all. (AP)

Military Enters Bahrain to Prevent Revolts

Saudi-led forces' clout spreads fear about potential Iran control

Manama, Bahrain

A Saudi-led military force crossed into Bahrain on Monday to prop up the monarchy against widening demonstrations that have sent waves of fear through Gulf states over the potential for enemy Iran to take new footholds there.

The Bahrain conflict is sectarian as much as pro-democracy, as the strategic Gulf island nation's majority Shiite Muslims see an opportunity to rid themselves of two centuries of rule by a Sunni monarchy. But Gulf Sunni leaders worry that might give Shiite Iran a stepping stone to its archrival Saudi Arabia, connected to Bahrain by a wide causeway.

Instead, the Saudis and the other members of the Gulf Cooperation Council sent forces the other way,



An anti-government protester prays Monday at Pearl Square in Bahrain.

deploying about 1,000 troops by land and air, and cementing the entire six-nation alliance to the fate of Bahrain's rulers, key U.S. allies.

The first cross-border offensive against one of the rebellions sweeping the Mideast was not greeted with celebrations. Shortly after word of the foreign military reinforcements began to spread, protesters blocked roads in Manama. Thousands of others swarmed into Pearl Square, the symbolic center of the monthlong revolt. (AP)



Cuba Devalues Pesos: Cuba's central bank is devaluing the country's two types of peso from \$1.08 to \$1, hoping the move will spur exports and local production as the government seeks to overhaul a moribund economy. It was the first time the government has revalued the currency in six years, when it increased the nominal value of its currency in relation to the dollar. Monday's shift puts the exchange rate back to where it was before. (AP)

Local ||THE

Reward in Store Slaying

Lululemon Athletica offers \$125K to help find worker's killer

Bethesda, Md.

An upscale athletic apparel chain is offering a \$125,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest in the slaying of one of its employees.

Jayna Murray, 30, was killed Friday night in an attack by two masked men inside the Lululemon Athletica store in Bethesda. She and a co-worker had closed the store for the night but went back after one of them forgot something.



Jordan Wier, left, and her mother, Ann Luskey, walk by a memorial at the store.

Montgomery County police confirmed Monday that Murray was sexually assaulted before she was slain. Her co-worker was bound and sexually assaulted but survived. The attackers wore black clothing and gloves, and police say they also robbed the store.

"If you know Jayna, she's a fighter. She would not go down without fighting," her college roommate, Ivy Huang, said Sunday. "That was a woman who taught me not to be afraid of anything."

In addition to the reward from Lululemon Athletica, Federal Realty in Bethesda has offered a \$10,000 reward, along with a \$1,000 reward from Crime Solvers. (AP/THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Report Clears Ex-Mayor Fenty Of Wrongdoing

Washington

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The report, authorized by the D.C. Council and conducted by the law firm of Trout Cacheris, was released Monday after a yearlong investigation.

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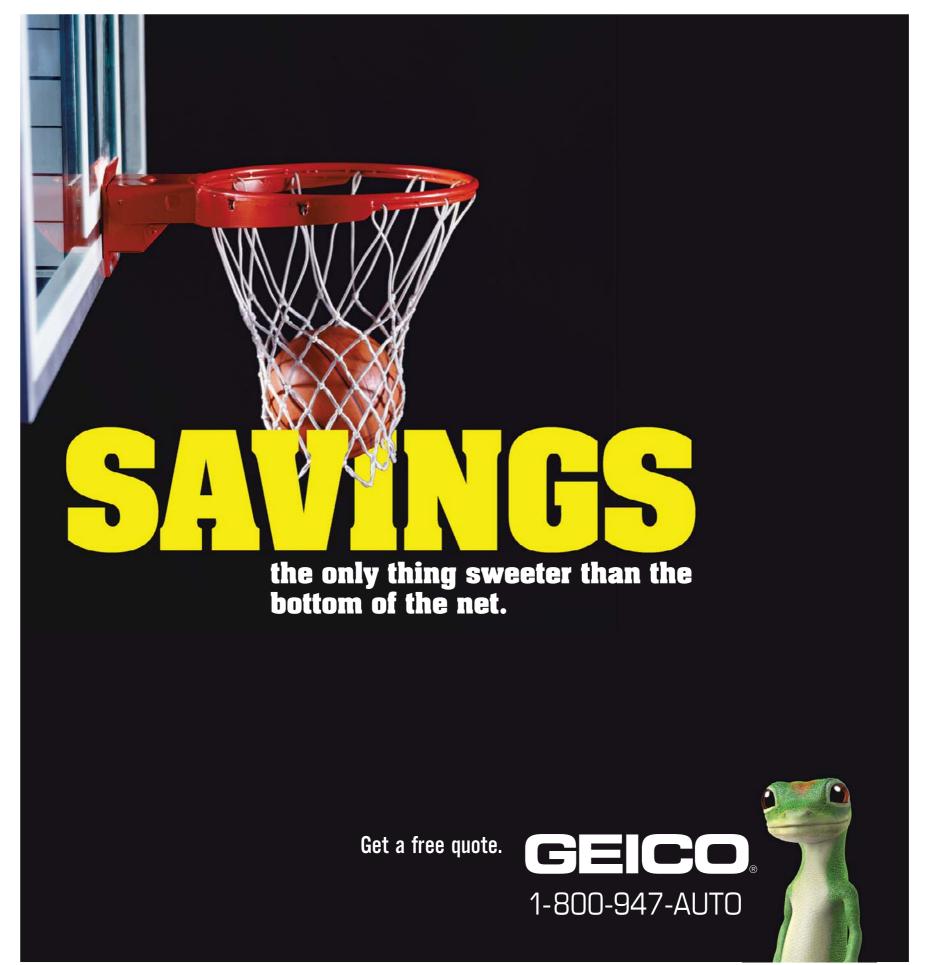
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DC Rider



Sour on New Seats

Did you see the New York Times article on Saturday about the cloth seats that the San Francisco BART trains use and what they've found on them? Absolutely repulsive. Why are we switching to cloth? Makes me think twice about sitting.

Thanks for pointing out this interesting story about transit seats and germs, and how they get together. This spring, Metro riders will get a chance to talk about the seats, floors and other design elements for the next generation of rail cars, the ones that eventually will replace the 1000 Series, the oldest in the fleet. Metro has been testing cloth seats on a few rail cars for about two years. I think the cloth has held up quite well. It's the test floors I wonder about.

What does "schedule adjustment" REALLY mean? It seems I've heard with increasing frequency in subway stations several times a week announcements along the lines of "we have been instructed by [central control] to hold at this location for several minutes for a schedule adjustment."

"Schedule adjustment" in that context means that the trains have gotten too close together. The trains leave the ends of the lines pretty evenly spaced, but then they start to pick up lots of passengers on crowded platforms. The following train starts to catch up. The closer it gets, the less time it spends with its doors open at the platform, because the first train just left. So pretty soon, you've got one jammed train leading the pack.

What is going on with the Orange Line slowdowns? Between Ballston and East Falls Church, it's CRAWLING. And then

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again between West Falls Church and **Dunn Loring east**bound. Twice now in the last week, this

slowdown has caused me to miss my work shuttle. HELP!

I don't see much happening in the near future to ease the congestion on the west side of the Orange Line. That's a real trouble spot. There are plenty of people on those western platforms. Trains get bunched up, as I said in the previous response, and then there's a big gap after that, so the platforms get really crowded again. Plus, there's the problem of crowding at the Rosslyn tunnel, where the Orange and Blue line trains converge.

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Disaster in Japan

Threat of Meltdown Deepens

Explosions at nuclear power plant add anxiety to Japan's ongoing crisis

Soma, Japan

A second hydrogen explosion in three days rocked a Japanese nuclear reactor Monday, and fuel rods were left dangerously exposed at another unit, as authorities worked to avert any catastrophic release of radiation in the tsunami zone.

The cascading troubles at the Fukushima Dai-ichi complex were set in motion when last Friday's quake and tsunami in Japan's northeast knocked out power, crippling the cooling systems needed to keep nuclear fuel from going into full meltdown even weeks after a reactor shuts down.

"We can see the damage to our houses, but radiation? ... We have no idea what is happening."

— KYOKO NAMBU, WHO SAID SHE IS "SO SCARED" AFTER HER HOMETOWN OF SOMA WAS RUINED BY THE DISASTERS.

International scientists said there are serious dangers but not at the level of the 1986 blast in Chernobyl. Japanese authorities were injecting seawater as a coolant of last resort, and advising nearby residents to stay inside to avoid contamination.

"It's like a horror movie," said 49-year-old Kyoko Nambu. "Our house is gone, and now they are telling us to stay indoors."

The accidents so far — injuring 15 workers and military personnel and exposing up to 190 people to elevated radiation — have compounded the immense challenges faced by the Tokyo government as it struggles to help hundreds of thousands of people affected by twin disasters that flattened entire communities and may have left more than 10,000 dead.

Japanese authorities said there have been no large-scale radiation releases but have detected temporary elevations in levels and have evacuated 185,000 people from around affected reactors. Prevailing winds were pointing out to sea, and U.S. ships assisting tsunami recovery moved further way to avoid potential danger.

A top official said the fuel rods in all three of the operational reactors at the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant appeared to be melting.

A hydrogen explosion Monday at the plant's Unit 3 reactor injured seven workers and four members of the defense forces, and followed a similar one Saturday at Unit 1 that injured four workers, but officials were most worried about the precipitous drop in water levels at Unit 2.

The water levels were restored after exposing fuel rods in the reactor twice and were falling a third time, increasing the risk of a worst-case scenario involving a full meltdown with the uranium



Nuclear Freeze?

The twin disasters in Japan that have created the possibility of a nuclear meltdown have caused some countries to give pause to their own energy plans:



Switzerland ordered a freeze on new plants or replacements "until safety standards have been carefully reviewed and, if necessary, adapted," Energy Minister Doris Leuthard said. The decision put on hold the construction of nuclear power stations at three sites approved by Swiss regulatory authorities. Switzerland now has five nuclear power reactors that produce about 40 percent of the country's energy needs. It also has nuclear research reactors.



In Germany, the government said it is suspending for three months a decision to extend the life of its nuclear power plants. That also means that two older nuclear power plants will be taken off the grid shortly—at least for now—pending a full safety investigation, Chancellor Angela Merkel told reporters. A previous government decided to shut all 17 German nuclear plants, but Merkel's administration last year moved to extend their lives by an average of 12 years.



Opposition voices rose up in Turkey to renounce or scale back governments' nuclear expansion plans. And anti-nuclear groups staged rallies around France, the world's most nuclear-dependent country, as the government sought to reassure the public that the risks remain minimal. The governments of Russia, China, Poland and even earthquake-prone Chile say they are sticking to their plans to build more reactors.

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The number of nuclear reactors in operation worldwide, with 65 new facilities under construction. Construction last year was started on 14 new reactors—in China, Russia, India, Japan and Brazil. In 2005, in comparison, ground was broken for only three reactors. (IAEA)

core eating through a reactor's steel-reinforced containment vessel and causing a wide release of dangerous radiation.

The blast at Unit 3 actually lessened pressure inside the troubled reactor, and officials said the allimportant containment shell — thick concrete armor around the reactor — had not been damaged. In addition, officials said radiation levels remained within legal limits.

"We have no evidence of harmful radiation exposure," deputy Cabinet secretary Noriyuki Shikata told reporters. (AP)

Disaster in Japan





Left: Rescuers conduct a search operation amid smoldering debris in Kesennuma. Right: A resident wipes away tears as she finds no remains of her home in Soma, Japan.

How to

Seven charities through which you can donate money to Japan:

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Japan Overwhelmed by Quake's Death Toll

Tagajo, Japan

There are just too many bodies. Hundreds of dead have washed ashore on Japan's devastated northeast coast since last week's earthquake and tsunami. Others were dug out of the debris Monday by firefighters using pickaxes and chain saws.

Funeral homes and crematoriums are overwhelmed, and officials have run out of body bags and coffins.

While the official death toll rose to nearly 1,900, the discovery of the washed-up bodies and other

6.2%

reports of deaths suggest the true number is much higher.

Most Japanese opt to cremate their dead, and with so many bodies, the government on Monday waived a rule requiring permission first from local authorities before cremation or burial to speed up funerals, said Health Ministry official Yukio Okuda.

"This is an emergency measure," said Okuda. "We want to help quakehit people as much as we can."

The town of Soma has only one crematorium that can handle 18 bodies a day, said an official, KatMiyagi prefecture bore the full force of the tsunami, and police said 1,000 bodies were found scattered across its coast. The Kyodo news agency reported 2,000 bodies washed up on two shorelines in Miyagi. The police chief there has estimated 10,000 deaths in the province alone.

suhiko Abe. "We are overwhelmed," he told The Associated Press.

Millions of people spent a fourth night with little food, water or heating in near-freezing temperatures as they dealt with the loss of homes and loved ones. Asia's richest country hasn't seen such hardship since World War II.

Though Japanese officials have refused to speculate on the death toll, Indonesian geologist Hery Harjono, who dealt with the 2004 Asian tsunami, said it would be "a miracle really if it turns out to be less than 10,000" dead. (AP)

Stocks Plummet

The Japanese stock market fell 6.2 percent Monday as investors began to price the full scope of the damage. That came despite an announcement from the central bank on Monday that it will put a record \$183.8 billion into the economy to keep the country's financial system stable and its trading system functioning. It pumped 15 trillion yen in immediate liquidity into the financial system and said it would boost a program of purchasing assets to 40 trillion yen from 35 trillion.

Production Stalls

Toyota idled all its Japanese factories through Wednesday, halting production at 45 percent of the auto giant's global production. Nissan, Honda, Suzuki, Mazda and Mitsubishi all reported varying amounts of damage and temporary shutdowns at their Japanese plants. Japan's top corporations include major global brands that have moved production overseas, which will ease the blow from the disasters. (TWP)



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Sports

Breaking Down
The Bracket

By now, you've had a chance to digest the NCAA Tournament bracket. Now comes hard the hard part: picking the winners. In an event known for its unpredictability, forecasting is tricky. Nevertheless, we take our best guess at some picks that may serve you Well in your office pool. MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)

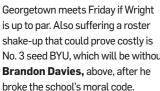


ONES TO WATCH

Picking all four top seeds is too boring — but you can't avoid them all in selecting a Final Four. Pittsburgh's history of NCAA letdowns makes the Panthers a risky pick, and the odds of a Duke repeat are slim. We say go Rock Chalk with Kansas — which has potentially surmountable obstacles in No. 4 seed Louisville and No. 3 seed Purdue in the Southwest — and overall No. 1 seed Ohio State, which lost only to Purdue and No. 4 seed Wisconsin this year.

No. 6 seed by a tournament committee obviously sold on the

return of Chris Wright, below. The point guard will be back - but how will he perform weeks after breaking his hand? It may not matter if



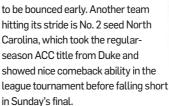


SOME LIKE IT HOT

There are two schools of thought about winning a league tournament: It means the team is peaking at the right time, or it has used up too much energy to make a deep march later in the month. Connecticut, which won five games in five days to claim the Big East title certainly hopes



the former holds true. And with Kemba Walker there to hit clutch shots, the Huskies – who won the Maui Invitational this season — are unlikely





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Stop Crying Over Bubbles Bursting

Were the Hokies hosed? Was Colorado buffaloed? Should Harvard be seeing (crimson) red?

There's no question that the expanded field of 68 did nothing to quell the debate over the last teams selected for the NCAA Tournament.



SLEEPER AGENTS

sleeper, since it almost always exceeds

expectations based on its seed. This

No. 6-seed Musketeers stay in their

an edge that could be

enough for star guard

Tu Holloway, below, to

knock off Syracuse in a

potential second-round

game. Speaking of Xavier,

its old coach, Sean Miller,

has Arizona looking like

a solid bet in the West. The No. 5 seed,

led by sophomore **Derrick Williams**,

above, should dispose of Memphis and

Texas if the No. 4 seed slips by Oakland.

may be favored to knock off reeling

home state (Ohio) for two games,

It's almost cliché to call Xavier a

year may be no different, as the

This year's most controversial choices are Virginia Commonwealth and the University of Alabama at Birmingham (that's UAB to you).

Jay Bilas, Dick Vitale

and the rest of ESPN's experts spent significant amounts of hot air Sunday night decrying those two picks.

Late Women's Bracket

The women's NCAA Tournament field was unveiled after Express' deadline Monday. Express will run the full bracket on Wednesday.

Virginia Tech was probably the biggest shocker to be left out. After beating Duke, the Hokies were a sure bet. Then they got creamed by Boston College on Senior Night and trumped by Clemson in the regular-season finale. In the ACC tournament, Tech got a fluke win over Florida State when a Seminoles buzzer-beater just missed the buzzer. Seth Greenberg's squad should blame only itself for being on the bubble to begin with.

Colorado had a stronger case to make - but again, is it worth getting in a tizzy that a blah Big 12 school got snubbed?

I do feel for Harvard, which shared the Ivy League crown and lost on a lastsecond shot to Princeton, which got a 13 seed. A one-point difference seems too small to leave the other out.

In the end, though, one fact still holds true: Winning more games will keep your bubble from bursting.



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UPSET SPECIALS

If it's March Madness, some bigname teams are destined to fall hard. Georgetown was a No. 3 seed last year when it was shocked by Ohio. This year, the Hoyas were given a generous



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Sports

Strasburg Continues to Progress

The Nationals

Every weekday morning, Stephen Strasburg plays catch with Nationals head athletic trainer Lee Kuntz.

As the spring has moved along, Kuntz has moved back in increments of 15 feet when Strasburg's arm can handle it and when his rehab schedule calls for it. At this point, it is still an honest game of catch. At some point, it won't be.

"There will be a time when he's got a bag of balls and I just catch," Kuntz said.

Strasburg has thrown up 90 feet with Kuntz, his latest step in the recovery from Tommy John surgery. His arm still "feels really good," Strasburg said. He can see



Stephen Strasburg watches a Nationals exhibition game from the dugout.

progress in new ways now, time and work having changed his perspective. At first, when we stretched it out a little bit, it looked far away," Strasburg said. "Now, it looks pretty normal.

"My arm strength is starting to slowly come back," he added. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

TV Lineup

CAPITALS (7 P.M., CSN+) The Caps begin a long road trip seeking their ninth-straight win when playing the Montreal Canadiens.

WIZARDS (8 P.M., CSN) The Wiz take on MVP candidate Derrick Rose and the Chicago Bulls.

NCAA HOOPS (6:30 P.M., 9 P.M.,
TRUTY) In the first round of the

NCAA Tournament, UNC-Asheville plays Arkansas-Little Rock, and then Clemson takes on UAB.

SOCCER (3:30 P.M., FSN) Inter Milan takes on Bayern Munich in the Champions League.

SOCCER (9:30 P.M., ESPN)

The MLS season kicks off with the Seattle Sounders hosting the Los Angeles Galaxy.

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Sports

Caps Find Ways to Win

Washington shows adaptability in streak before long road trip

The Capitals

After the 4-3 overtime win over the Chicago Blackhawks Sunday, it wasn't uncommon to hear Washington Capitals fans and analysts comment that the tilt between two Stanley Cup hopefuls had a "playoff atmosphere" and "playoff style."





With the Caps now on a seasonhigh eight-game winning streak (a stark contrast to the eight-game losing streak suffered in December), and a six-game road trip starting Tuesday against Montreal, the Caps might be fine-tuning for the playoffs with just 12 games left in the regular season.

"Things tighten up this time of year," said center Boyd Gordon, who scored a shorthanded goal in Sunday's win. "The margin for error is pretty slim. It's good preparation for us, and we want to play that playoff-type hockey to get wins."

Since the Feb. 28 NHL trade deadline, the Capitals have shown a few different looks, but each with the same result: a win.



 $Capitals fans \, cheer \, during \, Sunday's \, game, which \, had \, a \, playoff-style \, atmosphere.$

"The playoffs are a different animal. This is still the regular season."

— CAPS COACH BRUCE BOUDREAU, WHO IS TRYING TO STAY GROUNDED DESPITE TALK OF PLAYOFF-LIKE ATMOSPHERES IN RECENT GAMES.

Washington ground to victories over the Islanders and Blues, and trashed the Oilers. Of the past eight games, six have been onegoal decisions. At times, the Caps appear to be using the offensive flair they dominated with last season, and in other games clinging to slim leads with shutdown defense and trap tactics.

Now the Caps will take their playoff approach on the road, starting with the Canadiens, who have

a 7-3 record in their past 10 games and are riding the success of goal-tender Carey Price.

Immediately after facing off with the Habs, the Caps take on the Western Conference's second-best team and likely Central Division champion, the Detroit Red Wings. Then it's the New Jersey Devils, who have resurrected their season behind coach Jacques Lemaire and are pushing for the eighth playoff spot in the East.

With the first three games of a six-game road trip coming against high-caliber opponents, center Brooks Laich said the Capitals are amid a dress rehearsal for the playoffs.

"The last 20 games are that way," he said. "Ever since we've made the trades at the deadline, it's been that way." REED S. ALBERS

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NBA Players 'Prepare for the Worst'

Pro Basketball

The National Basketball Association's players union has a message for its members, and it has put it in writing: "Hope for the best. Prepare for the worst."

That's the motto on the front cover of the National Basketball Players Association's Lockout Handbook, which was distributed at team meetings between November and February, according to Dan Wasserman, a union spokesman.

A copy of the 56-page handbook was obtained by Bloomberg News. The collective bargaining agreement between the union and league is set to expire on June 30, and this is the first time such a handbook was created to prepare NBA players for financial burdens that may arise from a work stoppage, Wasserman said in an interview.

"There's no magic pill," Wasserman said. (BLOOMBERG)

Hearsay

"I ... apologize because I'm going to have some sanctions. But the mission doesn't change."

— OHIO STATE FOOTBALL COACH JIM
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Learn how you can activate your muscles so every movement becomes efficient

Class Review

Anyone can make exercise difficult. But Robert Sherman, the area group fitness manager for Equinox, has figured out how to make it easy. Or, well, easier. He's sharing his secrets through Thread, a class that could alter the way people view fitness. "If I don't have to work as hard, I want to come back to the gym and I want to do more," he says.

What it is: Inactivity has made our bodies stupid. So when it's finally time to get moving, we no longer know how to do it properly, which makes everything more exhausting. "You're challenged for the wrong reasons," Sherman says. For Thread, he's pieced together several series of exercises designed to correct common imbalances, activate forgotten muscles and promote body awareness. No one move seems particularly revolutionary, but together they have the power to make students noticeably stronger and more flexible in the course of just one hour.

Moves: One of Sherman's quickest tricks is for touching your toes. Try doing it normally. Then, stand with your heels on a bolster (or thick pillow) and your toes on the ground. Reach down again. Switch it up by putting your toes on the bolster and your heels on the ground. Reach down again. Finally, do it normally once more — you should be able to drop farther.

The payoff for doing an extended plank (with your arms a foot out in front of you rather than beneath you) and then holding pigeon pose (a yoga hip stretch) is even



more unexpected: more shoulder mobility. Sherman explains that's because everything in the body is connected. "You'll never hear me say, 'isolation,'" he promises.

Almost nothing requires equipment, and Sherman's tried to keep the patterns simple enough that students can practice on their own at home.

Workout: Unlike most gym classes, Thread provides actual lessons, so you'd better be prepared to flex your mental muscle. A move might not be physically all that strenuous. But to lie on your side, reach one leg down, rotate it up and then lift to force your glutes into action requires extreme mindfulness. And if you try going through the motions without paying strict attention to what your body's doing and visualizing every step of the process, you'll be busted.

When muscles that aren't accustomed to having to work finally have a job to do, you could very well feel sore the next day. But don't expect to walk out of class drenched in sweat.

Crowd: Since these techniques can improve anyone's movement, regardless of fitness level, it's a diverse bunch. But the one defining feature is an acknowledgement of the fact that they have something to work on. Moti Galil, 63, says he's getting the hang of remembering to engage his core. "My hip bothers me when I climb stairs, but if I brace, I don't feel it," he says. For 28-yearold Christine Fabrizio, the weekly session is a chance to open up her tight shoulders and hips. "Every time I leave, I feel so much better," she says. Vicky Hallett (Express)

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Avoid the Wedding Wars

My mother is horribly critical of my sister. We're both getting married next year, and my mother is always on my sister's case about the choices she's making about her wedding and not as excited for her. I feel guilty about this, but I also think I've done everything I can. My mother's not always peachy to me, but it's clear she's much worse to my sister. Any way to broker peace? DYSFUNCTIONAL FAM, DC

What you're ideally after is a delicate balance: remaining empathetic to your sister's plight, but not taking so much responsibility that you stress yourself out.

I assume that you've tried to talk to your mother about it. But are there other family members who can help? If you can't manage to change your mother's behav-

ior, you can at least not be party to making it worse. Don't condone her treatment of your sister by staying in conversations in which she's belittling her, and try to stick up for your sis as much as you can. Finally, encourage — and help your sister get some space, and try to nourish your private relationship with her.

The Colleague Conundrum

I feel fortunate to have a job in these turbulent times. But my teammates are some of the most narcissistic,

disloyal people I have encountered. They bash our employer, denigrate our clients and constantly pat themselves on the back for their "brilliant" observations. I can't ignore it anymore, but I can't say anything to my manager, because he overreacts. NEED ADVICE!

You say your manager "overreacts." I'm not sure what that looks like — does it involve exploding Excel spreadsheets? — but you must decide whether it still might be better than nothing. And what about your manager's boss?

You can also try to break down the interactions individually: When your co-workers start behaving in ways you find toxic, gently but firmly announce that you don't think that discussion is productive. If it's you against a surly, disgruntled group, though — and it's not a matter of actionable offenses but just continued personality clashes — then, unfortunately, vou're another member of the "I Work With Jerks" Club. And one of the only ways to revoke your membership is to switch jobs.



Send your mental health and emotional wellness questions to Andrea Bonjor, Ph.D., at baggage@readexpress. com. This column is not a substitute for one-on-one care.

Event Horizon

Lucky Day You might want to stick to drinking water instead of beer Thursday if you're participating in Vida's free St. Patrick's Day Shamrock Search Run. From noon to 2 p.m., everyone's invited to race around D.C. to checkpoints, which will be handing out shamrocks. Get the full collection of clovers first—or second or third—and win a prize! Compete either solo or with a buddy. For more info or to register (by Wednesday at noon), contact llona@vidafitness.com.





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Dining

The stretch of Georgia Avenue where Healthy Bites Cafe opened last month isn't exactly a nutritionist's dream destination. The carry-out across the street specializes in wings and boasts "large portions," while Popeyes hawks buckets of deep-fried chicken. By contrast, Healthy Bites has a sign out front advertising great grain salad and vegetarian lasagna.

"We wanted to come into the neighborhood and provide some better alternatives," says co-owner Bonnie Coberly. "We want people to see food can still taste good while being healthy."

For the last two years, Coberly's enterprise has been focused on providing home-delivered meals (customers can also pick them up at the new cafe or One World Fitness, at 1738 14th St. NW), but now she wants to bring her health-conscious cuisine to a wider audience. That starts with ingredient sourcing. All the meats she uses are free of antibiotics and hormones, and the eggs are organic. The fruit comes from Pennsylva-





Healthy Bites Cafe has options to keep you fed all day, including scrambled eggs and spinach, left; and baked chicken wings, right.



Cafe co-owner Beverly Coberly insists on using locally sourced produce.

nia's Twin Spring Fruit Farm, and West Virginia's Spring Valley Farm provides the vegetables. In addition, Healthy Bites serves only brown rice and whole grains.

The former health counselor started the business after watching her clients fail to implement her dietary recommendations. "They're smart people; they know what to buy at Whole Foods, and they know how to cook it," Coberly says. "But when you're working 40 to 80 hours a week, it's difficult to make the time to do that."

Coberly and her business partner, Karim Steward, were looking for a new kitchen when Coberly moved to Petworth in October. After finding a nearby space in December, they decided to open it up to the neighborhood. Currently, it's just set up for takeout, but Coberly hopes to add seating this summer.

Since the venture is a marked departure from Healthy Bites' original core business, Coberly set about developing new and expanded breakfast, lunch and dinner menus with her team of eight chefs.

A morning highlight is the green eggs and ham — a scramble of fresh spinach with local eggs — complemented by baked sweet potato home fries, ham and fruit (\$6.95). Juice bar options include freshly squeezed orange, apple and carrot (prices vary) juice. Coberly's

"There aren't a lot of options for convenient, healthy food. We want to change that."

- BONNIE COBERLY, HEALTHY BITES CAFE CO-OWNER

also experimenting with drinks that use the invigorating dandelion root, which she hopes will become an alternative morning pick-me-up for customers trying to ditch their coffee habits.

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Sound Bets



Radio Silence

I bought Sirius Satellite Radio soon

after Howard Stern announced he was joining the then-fledgling service starting in January 2006. But due to some financial belt-tightening, I ditched the service recently.

While I miss Stern, I was even more surprised by how much I miss



the music stations
— not around the
house, where I have
a plethora of listening options, but in the
car, where I'm often
too lazy to hook up
my MP3 player.

I'm lucky that I don't have any kind of commute and all my automobile time is spent on short jaunts, but if I had to suffer a daily car trek from Montgomery County to the District, there's no way I'd survive it listening to local radio. No offense to the D.C.-area airwaves, but you stink.

Sure, Sirius' music stations have some issues — particularly playlists on certain channels, which are as tired as their terrestrial-radio counterparts. But if you have a catholic ear (like me) and like to flip around from the indie rock of XMU to Liquid Metal to classic hip-hop on Backspin, there is always something worth listening to — a claim I cannot make after spending the past month with Washington radio.

With the Oatmeal, Matthew Inman has created the ultimate morning time-waster

Author Q & A

Matthew Inman is living the dream. At least the one he had when he was 6.

As the creator and overlord of the enormously popular, educational and wet-your-pants-funny site the Oatmeal (Theoatmeal.com), Inman entertains and educates fans with entries such as "10 Words You Need to Stop Misspelling" and "6 Reasons to Ride a Polar Bear." Inman now has a book out, "5 Very Good Reasons to Punch a Dolphin in the Mouth (And Other Useful Guides)" (\$15, Andrews McMeel Publishing). Express spoke to him shortly after the book's release.

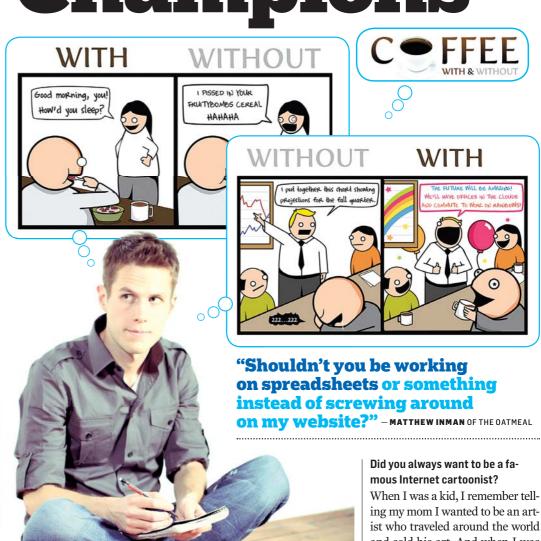
Are you trying to destroy civilization by making people zone out at work?

My peak hours of traffic coincide with when people work — Monday mornings around 10 a.m. are peak traffic. I want to ask these people, "Shouldn'tyou be working on spreadsheets or something instead of screwing around on my website?"

Do you think the world would be a better place if everything were communicated through cartoons?

I think so. I mean, the way you can deliver a message through cartoon is very effective. I want to get into video. [When] I do some long-form blocks of text, people actually complain. With video or shorts, you can extend that apathy even further. My message can be broadcast directly into their eyeballs.

Breakfast of Champions



When I was a kid, I remember telling my mom I wanted to be an artist who traveled around the world and sold his art. And when I was 13, I thought the coolest job ever would be to write code all day. And when I was 20, I realized that was a lame job. I'm much happier living the dream I had when I was 6. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)



Back in Action: After nearly two years of delays due to Adam Yauch's battle with cancer, the Beastie Boys are finally set to release their first new album since 2007's all-instrumental "The Mix-Up" on May 3, Yauch announced on the group's website. "Hot Sauce Committee Part Two," pictured, was originally due out as "Hot Sauce Committee Part One" in July of 2009, but Yauch's cancer put the project — and the band — on indefinite hiatus. (EXPRESS)

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On the Shoulders of

Murs, who makes an impression with his imposing, blocky dreadlocks, is the underground Los Angeles king of rap. Murs is playful, poking fun at mainstream hip-hop cultures and its excesses of bling, violence and confidence while making it clear that in his heart he completely reveres it. The show is a joint production of the Rock and Roll Hotel and DC9. DC9, 1940 9th St. NW; 8:30 p.m., \$16; 202-483-5000, Dcnine.com. (U St.-Cardozo)

Flash It DCist's Exposed photography show - which displays photos of Washington from its user-submitted Flickr pool — is now in its fifth year and opens this week through the end of the month. The two (count 'em — two) opening night parties fall on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, and free beer and wine will be flowing in exchange for your \$15 ticket (\$10 in advance). Long View Gallery, 1234 9th St. NW; through March 27; 202-232-4788. (Shaw)

David Alan Grier

Scary Stuff

Kevin Smith became famous by making attimes preachy, at-times hilarious films filled

> with fart jokes and dysfunctional relationships. His new movie,

> > "Red State," is a low-budget horror film loosely based on the Westboro Baptist Church's hateful antics. You can check out a showing (and ask Smith questions) at a screening. Warner Theatre, 513 13th St. NW; 7:30 p.m., \$55-\$65; 800-551-7328.

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entertainment lookout

Not Kidding Around

Steve Martin's second record of banjo tunes is an impressive affair

Album Review

With his first bluegrass album, 2009's "The Crow: New Songs For The Five String Banjo," actor, writer and comedian Steve Martin proved he could write and play with a talent comparable to top-level acoustic musicians. Across 16 songs, most of them instrumentals, his banjo work measured up with his all-star supporting cast.

For "Rare Bird Alert," Martin records with the Steep Canyon Rangers, a bluegrass ensemble that backed him on tour. He limits guests this time but employs two marquee names: Paul McCartney on "Best Love," written by Martin for his wife; and the Dixie Chicks on the beautiful "You," a ballad about how a relationship's end can include fond memories, despite the outcome.

But the album's biggest difference comes from more vocals, allowing Martin to write lyrics that express



Steve Martin, above, enlists the help of Paul McCartney on his new bluegrass CD.

Humor

Try This Track



Come Back" relates, with hilarity, a man's confusion as he considers breaking up with his partner — until realizing their favorite show airs that night. (AP)

the mix of braininess and goofiness that has made him such a popular comedian. He includes a string-band cover of his 1978 novelty hit, "King Tut," and an original, "Atheists Don't Have No Songs," done gospel style, about how non-believers lack a catalog of good spirituals.

Still, the foundation of "Rare Bird Alert" is the tight musical interplay of an outstanding group of musicians — with Martin leading the Way. MICHAEL MCCALL (AP)

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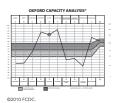
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Lord High Admiral of England.

These are just a few of the unsavory anecdotes former Washington Post reporter Michael Farquhar recounts in his new book, "Behind the Palace Doors" (\$15, Random House Trade Paperbacks), a riproaring account of some of the British royal family's most scandalous secrets.

And with "The King's Speech" renewing interest in the British royal family's past — and the impending nuptials of Prince William and Kate Middleton stoking curiosity in its future — the monarchy has never been more popular.

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Which scandals surprised you?

I didn't realize the depths of Queen Victoria's adoration for Prince Albert. She lends her name to this era of sexual repression and rigidness, but in fact she was openly passionate.

Why do you think America is so fascinated by the ruling family?

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TV tonight lookout

Best Bets

ABC 9:00



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Detroit 1-8-7 A young graffiti artist is murdered, and some doodles lead to a suspect. Longford begins filling out paperwork for his retirement. Fitch receives shocking news from his ex-wife. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



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Gimmicks



Going for Broke

The competition at regionals is tough this year on "Glee" (8 p.m., Fox), and so are the judges, so the members of New Directions, above, decide the best way to boost their chances of winning is to write their own songs. Kathy Griffin and Loretta Devine guest-star. (TM)



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Horoscope

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You'll be in a position to do a good turn for someone you hardly know. The rewards that come your way will please you a great deal.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Things may get off to a strange start, and yet you'll know what's going on every step of the way. Don't be taken aback.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The question isn't one of right or wrong, but it's far more complicated than that. You'll be exploring all shades of gray.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Things are likely to develop according to plan, even though someone may throw a wrench in the works before noon. Recovery will be quick.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may have to think things through more carefully than usual as you decide what to do first, second and third.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Now is a good time to put aside petty differences and acknowledge what you have in common with someone who can be difficult and combative.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) How you feel about yourself will be expressed through unintentional actions. Others are likely to react as expected for the most part.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You're going to have to alter your image somewhat in order to win the reactions from others that you are really after.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) There's no end to the learning, and you can learn a great deal about a situation that is perhaps too complex for most others.

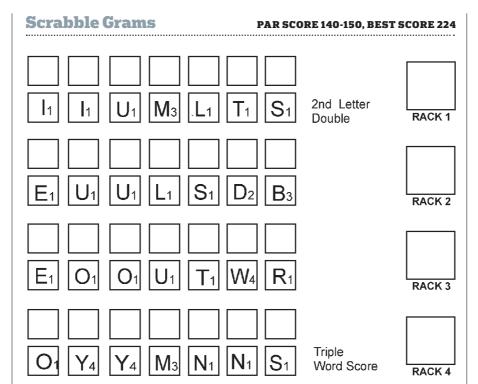
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
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You're likely to find funny the very things that others are taking very seriously at this time — you need to change your attitude.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll have the chance to help someone in need, but you mustn't do anything that attracts attention to you in a personal way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may be surprised to learn just how much the competition will do to keep you from advancing, but you have an ace up your sleeve.





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Yesterday's Solution

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W₄ E₁ T₁ S₁ U₁ I₁ T₁

RACK 3 = 71

RACK 4 = 70 TOTAL 208

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Forecast



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Today: Mostly cloudy today. Cloudy tonight with rain developing.



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Tomorrow: Warmer tomorrow with a few

Looking Ahead

showers. Partly cloudy tomorrow night.







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Sun and Moon Sunrise today: 7:20 a.m.

Sunrise today: 7:20 a.m. Sunset today: 7:15 p.m. Moonrise today: 2:42 p.m. Moonset today: 4:23 a.m. Normal high: 55 Record high: 86 Normal low: 37 Record low: 13

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ACROSS

- 1 Decorative pitcher
- 5 Breathe with difficulty
- 9 Bacteria in undercooked meat
- 14 Feast
- 15 Upon the Mediterranean
- 16 Painter of haystacks
- 17 Covertly
- 20 Washington's Grand Dam
- 21 Confident crossword solver's tool
- 22 Teapot covering (var.)
- 23 1/6 fl. oz.
- 24 Quick-witted
- 26 Hick
- 28 Churn
- 30 Morally reprehensible
- 34 Snowcapped peak 37 "Don't delete this"
- 39 Make restitution
- 40 Where the sun sets
- 44 Watchmaker's magnifier
- 45 Neutral shade
- 46 "Lord of the Rings" tree creature
- 47 Make certain
- 49 Red ____ (cinnamon
- candies) 51 Poland's Walesa
- 53 Short relative?
- 54 Catchall abbr.
- 57 "Deal me in" indicator
- 60 Rack type
- 62 Em, e.g.
- 64 Where to drop, during a fire
- 67 Cain's firstborn
- 68 Parrot's beak part
- 69 "The very ____!" ("What nerve!")
- 70 ___ Parker (busybody)
- 71 Towel term
- 72 Back of the pack

- 1 Something drawn out
- 2 Brown baggers?
- 3 "This ____" (packing label) 4 Rod's fishing partner
- 5 Garden entrance component, perhaps

- 6 A drop-off among smokers? 7 Barely pass (through)
- 8 Indiana basketball player
- 9 Aussie coin critter 10 Some Vivaldi
- compositions 11 "I'm ___ you!" ("You
- don't fool me!")
- 12 Cask sediment
- 13 Macy Gray hit
- 18 About 500 sheets of
- paper 19 Heavy burden
- 25 Portion placed on a
- plate in a pew 27 Wilbur or Babe, in
- adulthood 29 Little bloodsucker
- 31 Nap (with "off")

- 32 Get ___ the ground floor 33 Minor job for a body
- shon
- 34 Ready, willing and
- 35 Bolshevik Trotsky
- 36 Adder's word
- 38 Pulsate
- 41 Luxurious livina
- 42 "The stockings_
- hung ..."
- 43 Makes furious
- 48 Twice-heard sound
- 50 Go bad, as milk
- 52 Opening in the Navy?
- 54 Practice piece of music
- 55 Athlete's foot, e.g.
- 56 Aromatic wood
- 57 Arabian Peninsula port
- 58 It's prohibited

59 Ark groupings

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- 61 "Of ____ I Sing"
- 63 Gritty film genre
- 65 "O death, where is ___ sting?"

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66 "To ____ is human"

Yesterday's Solution

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<mark>Today</mark> in History

Maine becomes the 23rd

President Woodrow Wilson meets with reporters for what's been described as the first presidential press conference.

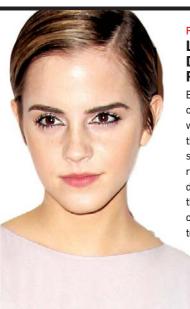
Authorities confirm that remains found on a Texas ranch are those of missing atheist leader Madalyn Murray O'Hair and two of her relatives.



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Logically, a Woman Who **Doesn't Need Any Makeup** Really Is the Perfect Model

Emma Watson is the new face of Lancome. "It starts with an L and ends with an E. I'm sure you have guessed the new face of Lancome is me!" Watson tweeted. "Thanks to her charm, romanticism and her incredible modernity, Emma Watson has become the icon of her generation," said Youcef Nabi, president of Lancome International. "We are delighted by this new collaboration with Emma, who brings a fresh spirit to Lancome." (EXPRESS)

YOU'VE GOT MEL!

Mel Allowed Out of the Yellow Box (See Right) **For Special Occasion**

Mel Gibson's daughter Hannah gave birth to a boy Saturday, People.com reported. She is the oldest of Gibson's eight kids, and this is her third child and Gibson's third grandchild. "He was overwhelmed with emotion," a source said of Gibson's visit with the new family member. "He gets that way around babies." (EXPRESS)



You don't recognize him because his head is not coming out of a mailbox.

(EXPRESS)

In a Basket on **ICM's Doorstep**

Lindsay Lohan departed Los Angeles for New York City Sunday and switched agencies before she left, a source told Radaronline.com. "She was really ready for a change and decided to leave Creative Artist Agency and join International Creative Manage



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ment....She cleaned house."



CAREERS

Tyra Traded Up From Talk Show

Tyra Banks is attending Harvard Business School — and has been since this past year. Banks is enrolled in the Harvard Owner/ President Management Program, she told CBS News. "It's pretty exclusive," she noted.

She pays \$31,000 per year — and

each year is just three weeks. "I feel like it is so, so worth it," she said. "In order for my company to grow and be the best, and to reach these women, and to serve them, I needed the best. So I went to the best." (EXPRESS)

"It's like the one time on Earth I'm like, 'Thank **God Charlie** Sheen exists!"



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PREGNANCY

Baby Bump to Launch Twitter Feed, WombCam

Team Beckham is adding a girl to its roster. David Beckham and wife, Victoria, are expecting their fourth child, and a spokesman said Sunday that the couple has learned that it will be a girl. In January, the former England captain announced via Facebook that his wife was due this summer. The pair, who married in 1999, already have three boys: 11-year-old Brooklyn, 8-year-old Romeo, and 5-year-old Cruz. (AP)

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